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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 51, 52.

Add claims.

-- 53. A computer implemented method of synchronizing at least a first and a second personal information management database, wherein the records of the first and second personal information management databases include fields, the method comprising:

using a filter to select a plurality of records of the first database, the filter comprising one or more user definable conditions or criteria that fields of records of the first database must match or fit to be selected, and

selecting the plurality of records of the first database includes evaluating fields of the first database with the user-definable conditions or criteria, and

synchronizing the selected records of the first database with records of the second database, the synchronizing comprising adding, modifying, or deleting records,

whereby synchronization is performed for a subset of the records of the databases.

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